

born Americans may have of the immigrant community. It seeks to document the positive achievements which immigrants have made in the field of entrepreneurial activity, culture, and politics.

Mr. Speaker, I recall that thirty years ago, many parts of Brooklyn were in a state of urban decay and economic stagnation. People were moving out of the area, businesses were closing and many homes were either abandoned or placed in the market. After the massive influx of immigrants in the 1970's, there has been an economic transformation in Central Brooklyn. New businesses have been erected, buildings have been rehabilitated, and thousands of homes been purchased. The pulsating rhythms of reggae and soca have become part of a new musical genre and the Labor Day Carnival in Eastern Parkway has become the largest block party in North America.

Caribbean immigrants have not only contributed to entrepreneurial activity and culture, they have made a significant contribution to the political culture of our city. The first Black Assemblyman in our borough, the Honorable Bertram Baker, was from the Caribbean. So were our first Black female Congressperson, the Honorable Shirley Chisholm, and the dean of political strategists, the Honorable Dr. Wesley McHolder. The first Black Borough President of Manhattan, the Hon. Hulan Jack was from the Caribbean and the Chief Judge of the Federal Court in the southern district, the Hon. Constance Baker Motley.

Mr. Speaker, immigrants have made a glorious contribution to the rich tapestry and multi-cultural quilt that we call the American heritage. It is a story that needs to be told, and this newspaper, the Immigrant's Journal, is one of the publications that seek to recount this American saga in a clear and eloquent language.

#### WORLD FLIGHT 2000: AN EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to this chamber's attention a remarkable odyssey that will come to its successful conclusion on December 15: World Flight 2000.

In 1996, high school students Daniel Domínguez and Christopher Wall dreamt of becoming the youngest individuals ever to circumnavigate the globe. Just four years later, that dream is on the verge of reality. Supported by a spectacular team of coordinators, these two young pilots are about to finish a two-month flight around the world in their plane, the Dreamcatcher.

There is a great deal more than just the youth of the pilots, however, that makes this accomplishment extraordinary. The World Flight 2000 team has gone to great lengths to make their trip a learning experience for children all over the world. Their website, [www.worldflight2000.com](http://www.worldflight2000.com), includes daily logs from the crew, dozens of photographs from their trip, and an up-to-the-minute live tracking screen to follow the plane. At every stop, World Flight 2000 meets with as many school-

children as possible to talk about their dream, their trip, and the exotic places they have seen. Students were encouraged to e-mail the pilots with questions throughout the trip, which they answered en route.

Dreamcatcher and her crew took off from Rochester, New York on September 12 and stopped in Maine and Canada before striking out across the Atlantic Ocean. Since then, stops have included Spain, Greece, Egypt, Oman, Thailand, Australia, Vanuatu, and American Samoa. For each place Dreamcatcher visits, the World Flight 2000 website lists a host of information, ranging from customs to environment to government to recipes.

The trip has been filled with challenges. Beyond the expected issues of weather and maintenance, the crew has had to deal with troublesome control towers, flight plan glitches, and illness. Yet they have come through all of these problems with, as they say, flying colors.

I am proud to claim virtually the entire World Flight 2000 team as my constituents. Pilot Dan Domínguez is a senior at the University of Rochester, where he studies economics. Pilot Chris Wall is a 21-year-old junior at Rice University, majoring in electrical engineering. Flight photographer Jesse Weisz graduated from the University of Rochester with an Honors Major in Film. International Director/Coordinator Jenni Powers is a 21-year-old recent graduate of the University of Rochester, where she obtained her International Relations degree. Local publicist John Galbraith has donated hundreds of hours to coordinate press, marketing, and corporate sponsorship. Dozens of local volunteers have been inspired to get involved, helping with everything from public relations to rehabilitation of the aircraft.

Mr. Speaker, these young people are out there achieving something that most adults would never undertake simply because the prospect is so daunting. Yet they have managed to conquer not only the practical, financial, logistical, and other hurdles, but the entire globe as well.

I invite my colleagues to join me in saluting World Flight 2000 for proving to us all that, "Anything is possible if you just dream!" Welcome home, Dreamcatcher!

#### TRIBUTE TO MRS. LENA ROBERTA MURRELL WHITE

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the cherished American tradition of motherhood. That tradition is exemplified in an extraordinary mother by the name of Mrs. Lena Roberta Murrell White. Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother and Friend. Mrs. Lena White has been and is all of these and more. She was daughter Lena growing up in the farming country of North Carolina. Younger sister in a large brood she was a shining light in that big family. She was wife to James E. Murrell and bore him nine children, raising them all in love and happiness while working harder than any three people. After his passing she was wife to James White and took his children as her own, loving and protecting them. And every-

where she has gone there are a host of friends eager for her return. From the streets, hedges and rows of Greenville, North Carolina through the well kept manicured lawns of Wilmington, Delaware to the hustle and bustle of Camden, New Jersey, her friends are legion. Now in her eightieth year she can reach out to a large family of adoring children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She continues as an example to us all of living a life in harmony with God. We love her and always shall, and today we honor her in this place through this body for length of days.

#### HONORING REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES CANADY

**HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to my colleague from the 12th Congressional District of our great State of Florida, Representative CHARLES CANADY.

CHARLES has a long and illustrious record for serving the district that he calls home. Born and raised in Lakeland, he went on to obtain his education from Yale. After graduating in 1979, he returned home to become a practicing attorney in Polk County, where he worked before running for Congress.

From 1984 to 1990, he served in the Florida House of Representatives, where he was honored as the Most Effective First Term Legislator. During that time he worked to reduce the role of government in the lives of Florida's citizens by helping pass major reform legislation. CHARLES also worked to strengthen Florida's laws on criminal justice, serving as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Criminal Justice and as a member of the Crime Prevention and Law Enforcement Study Commission. He was elected House Majority Whip from 1986 to 1988.

I have had the pleasure to serve with CHARLES on the Judiciary Committee where we have worked to make our judicial system stronger. He knows the law, thinks pragmatically, and is one of the hardest workers I have ever come across.

CHARLES has not only been one of the most productive and effective legislators in this House, he has also been extremely dedicated to each and every one of his constituents back home. His constituent outreach program is proof of his commitment, and I am sure there are many people in Florida's twelfth district that will miss his tireless service, diligence, enthusiasm, and dedication.

To the detriment of this House, CHARLES, a staunch supporter of term limits, promised during his campaign in 1992 to serve no more than four consecutive terms. The twelfth district, the State of Florida, and indeed the entire United States can be proud of CHARLES CANADY. His tenure here in the House is highlighted with many accomplishments and is eternal evidence that CHARLES is the consummate statesman. I thank CHARLES for his service and his friendship, and I wish him and Jennifer many years of happiness in the future.